

INTRODUCED: 06/05/2017

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councillors Osili and Lewis

DIGEST: supports a sister-city relationship between Onitsha, Nigeria and Indianapolis, Indiana, and extends an invitation to the Obi of Onitsha for his city to join with the Mayor of Indianapolis in this cooperative relationship

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Osili

Drafted by: Councillor Osili

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL:



Date: June 1, 2017

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2017

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION supporting a sister-city relationship between Onitsha, Nigeria and Indianapolis, Indiana, and extending an invitation to the Obi of Onitsha for his city to join with the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis in this cooperative relationship.

WHEREAS, the people-to-people program initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 and endorsed by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, is designed to bring the people of the world closer together in the interest of peace; and

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities Program, sanctioned by Sister Cities International, develops municipal partnerships between U.S. cities and similar jurisdictions in other nations in order to provide opportunities for citizens and city officials to experience and explore other cultures through long-term partnerships; and

WHEREAS, a local committee has been established, including members of the Indianapolis City-County Council and citizens of Indianapolis, as well as others affiliated with the City of Onitsha, in order to explore the desirability and benefits of a sister-city relationship with Onitsha, Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Onitsha, in Nigeria's Anambra State, is a metropolitan city of over one million citizens located on the eastern bank of the Niger River. As the largest commercial market in Nigeria, it is known for its river port and as an economic hub for commerce, industry and education; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Indianapolis and Onitsha share significant commonalities as crossroads cities with major highways running through and adjacent to them and as riverfront cities, and citizens of both cities recognize and respect the value of forging strong bonds for the purpose of social, intellectual and cultural enrichment; and

WHEREAS, cooperation efforts of local affiliates in both Onitsha and Indianapolis have identified areas of mutual interest, such as education, infrastructure development and technological advancement that can be explored through a formal relationship between the two cities; and

WHEREAS, citizens and government officials of Onitsha welcome the commitment to a sister-city relationship and the exchange of mutual interests; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Indianapolis City-County Council recognizes the established friendship between and mutual interests of the cities of Onitsha, Nigeria, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

SECTION 2. Through this resolution, the Council extends a formal invitation to the Obi of Onitsha to join with the City of Indianapolis as Sister Cities, thus strengthening international amity by constructing mutually beneficial programs of exchange between their citizens.

SECTION 3. The Mayor has been invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2017, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Maggie A. Lewis
President, City-County Council

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor